

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RABI RAY): (a) Yes.

(b) The statement that RBD palm oil has melting point around 44°C does not appear to be correct. The melting point of various fractions of palm oil varies from 31 to 44°C. The Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules do not allow the use of such fractions of palm oil as have a melting point above 37°C for human consumption. Therefore, that portion of palm oil, which has melting point within 37°C, is permissible to be used as edible oil.

(c) No adverse effects of vanaspati in human system have been reported.

(d) No such complaint has come to our notice.

(e) The Directorate of Vanaspati, Vegetable Oils and Fats, who are concerned in the matter, have received no report about the use of harmful and unapproved cheap oils in the manufacture of vanaspati during 1978-79.

Promotion of S.C. and S.T. Railway employees

6840. **SHRI RAM DENI RAM:** Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Railway employees have been promoted to the rank of Section Officer, Inspector of Stores Accounts, Inspector of Traffic Account and Accounts Officer, in all Zonal Railways including Diesel Locomotive Works, Chittaranjan Locomotive Works and Integral Coach Factory during the last three years; and

(b) what action has been taken by Railway Administration to fill up reserved posts of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe for Section Officer, Inspector of Stores Accounts, Inspectors of Traffic Account and Accounts Officer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SHEO NARAIN):

(a) Section Officer	1 S.C. 1 S.T.
Inspector of Stores Accounts	Nil
Inspector of Station Accounts	Nil
Accounts Officer	18 S.C. 3 S.T.

(b) Promotion to these posts is subject to qualifying in Appendix 3 (IREM) examination held by Ministry of Railways. In order to improve the percentage of S.C./S.T. candidates passing the examination the performance of unsuccessful S.C./S.T. candidates in Appendix 3 (IREM) examination is reviewed so as to give a few grace marks to such of them who may be failing marginally before the results are announced. No qualified hands in S.C./S.T. categories for promotion as Section Officer (Accounts), Inspector of Stores Accounts and Inspector of Station Accounts are available. Successful candidates in these categories will be promoted against the vacancies reserved for them after the results of the Appendix 3 (IREM) examination held in November 1978 are declared.

No candidate in the zone of consideration for promotion as Accounts Officer is also available.

Malaria in Trans-Yamuna colonies

6841. **SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:** Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry will succeed in its efforts to check the spread of malaria mosquitoes in trans-yamuna colonies without making arrangements for cleanliness and draining out standing water there;

(b) if not, the reasons for not paying attention to this so far; and